Grip face care. Be kind to your grip face. The grip face has a very tough life!!!!

The white Industrial Velcro one-piece grip face material on this Square Scrub machine is the very best we have ever tested! With proper care and attention, it will do a great deal of work for you. Our machine drives a huge amount of energy into the grip face and then the driver pad and then to the floor. Some pads are more durable and long lasting than others. All of the pads that we may use will wear out. The driver pads must be checked on a regular basis. The amount time the driver will last varies greatly based on the task being done. Some pads last longer than others in similar conditions. We encourage you to do some testing on pads to find the one that works best for your situation. Check the pad condition very often until you get a feel for about how long it is going to hold up. Time is the factor in how long a driver pad can last. Square footage is not a good measurement.

Very aggressive wet stripping pads that are being used in wet high alkaline caustic conditions really destroy driver pads quickly!!!! Some pads will break down in as little as five minutes. Other pads may last 15 minutes while other might be even better and last 30 minutes. It is difficult to know how long the driver will hold up. Lots of different pads and chemical strippers on the market.

Diamond grinding with Trizac™ or other types of diamonds uses lots of energy. Diamonds are doing a great deal of work on the floor surfaces. The result of the grinding is fine particles of the material being polished are contaminating the pad. These gritty particles get to work quickly breaking down and destroying not only the driver pads but also the grip face itself. If you are doing a diamond grinding project please have some spare grip faces on hand. Even being super cautious and aware grip faces will still get destroyed.

Here are links to our website videos showing how to replace the grip face. The first one shows the best way to do a replacement. The second one shows a method that will work in the field if you are in the middle of a project and need to get back to work fast.

www.squarescrub.com/assets/grip-face-replacement.mp4

www.squarescrub.com/assets/grip-face-replacement-fast.mp4

This is our Square Scrub driver pad that seems to perform well in most situations.

P1420DRIVER for the 20” machine 10 per case
P1428DRIVER for the 28” machine 10 per case

Thick white pads work and thick blue also work. Test each pad in your situation with your chemicals and your floors to determine what is best for you.
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Check the driver pad every 15 minutes to start:

After you have ran the machine and the pads you will establish a realistic pad life expectation. You must tilt the machine on its back to inspect the pad. Many times, the outside edge of the pad will still look new but the underside of the pad where the work is being done will be destroyed.

Rotate the driver pad and working pad each time you check it:

We see the rear right-hand corner get worn more quickly than the rest of the pad most of the time. Our machine rotates clockwise which creates more pressure on that side. This is where you will see wear the soonest.

Wet chemical stripping:

Chemical strippers speed up how fast the pads break down. Wet stripping us normally done with very aggressive super abrasive pads. This type of aggressive pad also works to destroy the driver pads fast. Watch your pads very closely until you get a feel for how long they will last.

Test out different pads:

Test several different pads for yourself in your buildings with your floors and your chemicals. We have tested lots of pads from everyone we know of that makes pads. Some pads are better than others. Please try some options if you are unhappy with how well the pads you are using hold up.

Store your machine on its back if possible:

Never put your machine on the floor without a pad covering the grip face. The “teeth” on the grip face can be damaged if they don’t have a pad on them

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